



Congressman Tim Bishop

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BISHOP ANNOUNCES WIN TO KEEP JOBS, PROTECT PRIVACY

Congressman Blocks Federal Funds for Use to Outsource Welfare Call Centers

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Tim Bishop will host a press conference tomorrow, **Friday October 21 at 10:00 AM** to announce a big win, but a continued commitment to fight for hard-working American families by preventing more jobs from being shipped overseas. New York State Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington and Village of Patchogue Mayor Paul Pontieri will join Bishop in front of the One-Stop Unemployment Center in Patchogue.

Bishop successfully attached an amendment to the welfare reform bill in the Education and Workforce Committee prohibiting any funds for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to be used to 'outsource' employment to foreign countries. One-Stop centers like that in Patchogue could be affected without such protections. In addition to keeping jobs in the United States, the amendment helps protect the privacy of those on welfare. While the U.S. and most states have enacted various privacy laws, other countries may not have the same legal protections for consumers' personal, financial, and medical records. The amendment prohibits use of any to be used to either contract or subcontract work to a location outside the United States, or reduce employment within the U.S. The amendment passed with unanimous consent.

The Commerce Department reports that 3 million jobs were outsourced over the last 4 years with another 13 million jobs projected to be shipped overseas over the next 10 years. The welfare reform bill will be debated in the House of Representatives in the coming months, and Bishop is hopeful that his amendment will remain in the overall reform package.

What: Bishop announces amendment to welfare reform legislation that will help protect jobs from outsourcing.

Who: Congressman Tim Bishop, New York State Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington, Village of Patchogue Mayor Paul Pontieri.

When: **Tomorrow, Friday October 21 at 10:00 AM**

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